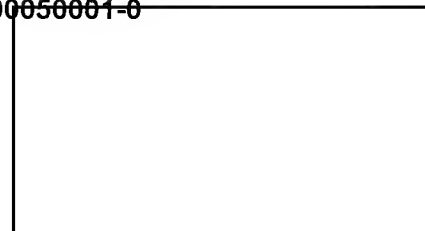




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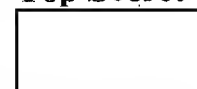


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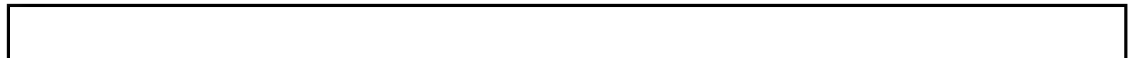
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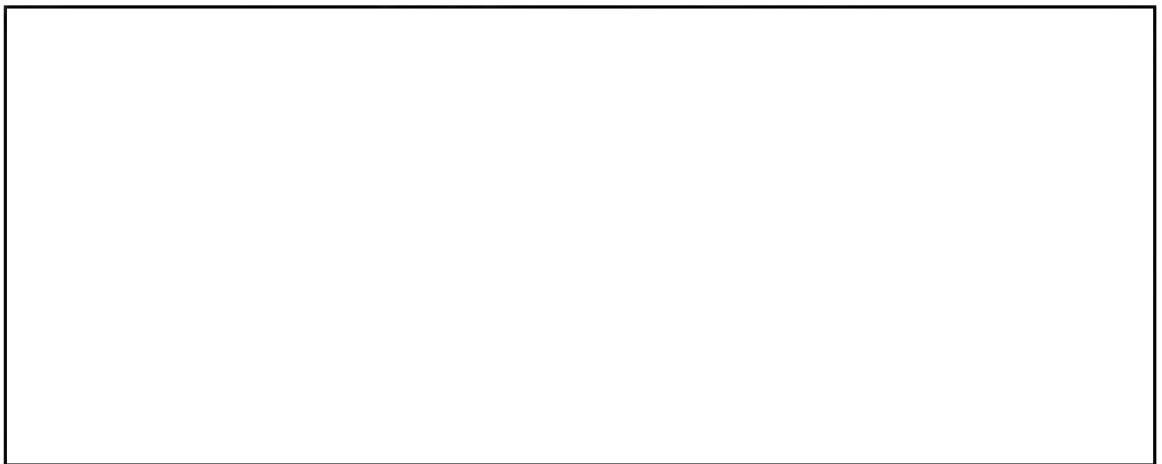
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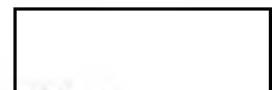
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EGYPT: Reaction to Israeli Statements

Recent allegations by Israeli Foreign Minister Dayan that the turmoil in Iran has persuaded President Sadat to avoid concluding a "separate peace treaty" with Israel have deeply angered Egyptian leaders and strengthened their belief that Israel is backing away from a comprehensive peace settlement.

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Dayan's suggestion that Egypt was moving toward a separate peace before the situation in Iran deteriorated has only strengthened Egypt's determination to insist on firm links between a treaty with Israel and progress on West Bank - Gaza issues. Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials see Dayan's remarks as intended to blame Egypt for the current slowdown in negotiations as a means of masking a hardening of Israel's position.

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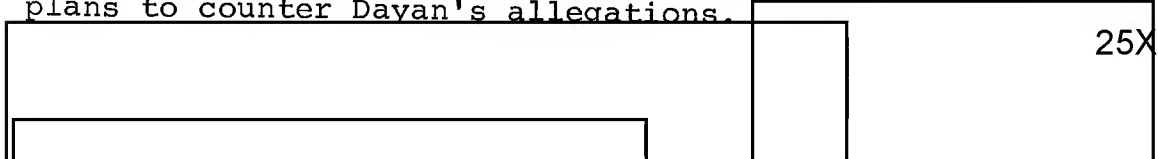
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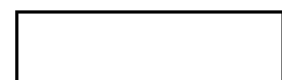
The foreign relations committee of Egypt's legislature is scheduled to meet today to discuss government plans to counter Dayan's allegations.

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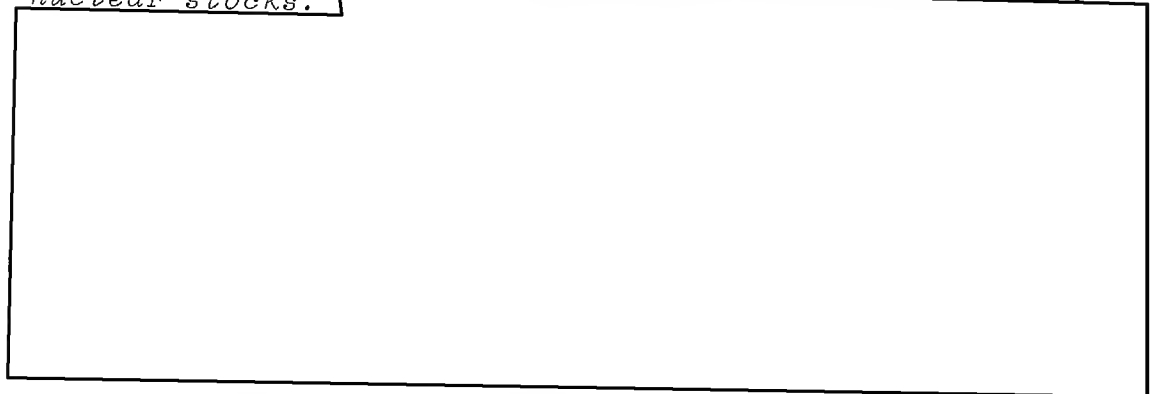


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USSR-SPAIN: Foreign Minister's Visit

The Soviets appear to have reason to be satisfied with Foreign Minister Oreja's visit to Moscow last month, the first official visit by a Spanish foreign minister to the USSR since the Spanish Civil War. The US Embassy in Moscow noted that Oreja was more accommodating than expected in communique language supporting Soviet proposals on such issues as disarmament and elimination of nuclear stocks.

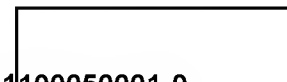
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The Spanish also told the US Embassy that Oreja tried, but failed, to introduce a condemnation of terrorism into the communique. This will feed Spanish suspicions that there is some connection between the Basque terrorists and Soviet intelligence.



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OVERNIGHT REPORTS

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Pakistan

Press reports state that, in a 5-2 decision, the Supreme Court today upheld the death sentence given former Prime Minister Bhutto 10 months ago on a murder conviction. The reports also note that Bhutto's wife and daughter were placed under house arrest and some 450 of his supporters were rounded up yesterday.

COMMENT: *Bhutto has 30 days to petition the court for a review and possible reversal of its decision. Although President Zia is described as saying that he will carry out the death sentence, there have been reports to the contrary; the court's reported split verdict may bear on his final decision.*

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Lebanon

The US Embassy in Beirut reports the Sarkis government has intensified its efforts to secure the assistance of Arab states and the PLO to ease tension in the South and to reestablish some measure of Lebanese authority there. The Embassy does not expect the Arab states to comply with Foreign Minister Boutros' reported request that they exert pressure on the Palestinians to cease using Lebanon as a base for operations against Israel. It does believe that Fatah will continue to cooperate with the UN Interim Force in Lebanon--at least for the short term--but that the PFLP and other leftist Palestinian and Lebanese elements will continue to provoke incidents.

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UK

The Labor government last night won a 270-262 procedural vote capping debate in the House of Commons on its handling of the strike by health service workers. The Daily Express has published a poll giving the Conservatives a 19-point lead over Labor if a general election were held now; the poll also shows that for the first time the voters rate Tory leader Margaret Thatcher ahead of Prime Minister Callaghan in terms of personal popularity. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: *Callaghan's stature as a leader compared to Thatcher has been perceived as Labor's best weapon if a general election were called.* [REDACTED]

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Canada

According to press reports, Prime Minister Trudeau and the premiers of all 10 provinces today conclude a two-day meeting in Ottawa on Trudeau's proposals of last June for extensive constitutional reform. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: *Trudeau had set a deadline of 1 July for passage of his basic reform proposals, hoping to show progress before Quebec holds its promised referendum on independence. A similar meeting last November produced no significant agreement, and indications are that the current round of talks will also show little progress.* [REDACTED]

Poland-USSR

Polish Foreign Minister Wojtaszek began an official visit to the USSR yesterday, according to TASS. [REDACTED]

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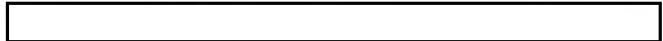
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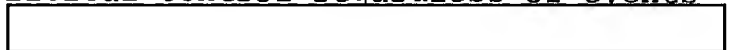
The US Embassy in Moscow reported yesterday that it and US officials in Kiev continue to be inundated with mail and visits from Soviet Pentecostals and Baptists who have long lists of Soviet Christians--from congregations in the western USSR to others on the Pacific Coast--seeking permission to emigrate. The Embassy notes that public pressure against dissident Christians continues in local and national newspaper articles and that Soviet officials handling emigration requests--at least those in outlying areas--have been telling Christian potential emigrants their only hope is a special agreement between the USSR and the US. The Embassy expects a large influx of Pentecostal visitors over the next several weeks.



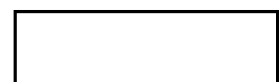
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USSR

According to the US Embassy in Moscow, the Soviet leadership apparently intends to crack down on proponents of nationalism in Abkhazia, the northwestern portion of the Georgian republic. Two Abkhazi officials have been sacked, and the Georgian party leader has warned Abkhazi party leaders that they have not dealt firmly enough with manifestations of "nationalist chauvinism." The Embassy doubts the unrest in neighboring Turkey and Iran has been much of a factor in the decision to take a hard line at this point; it believes, rather, that Moscow made surprisingly conciliatory gestures on economic and cultural concerns early last June and cannot budge on the basic issue of central political control regardless of events in adjacent states.



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